

**IN THE UNITED STATES  
PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: Petry *et al.* ) Group Art Unit: 2617  
Serial No.: 10/672,688 ) Examiner: Mehrpour, Naghmeh  
Filed: September 26, 2003 )  
For: Value-added electronic messaging )  
services and transparent )  
implementation thereof using )  
intermediate server )

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March 9, 2007

**COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

**Submitted via EFS**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due mailed March 7, 2007, Applicants submit the following comments:

## **REMARKS**

Applicants agree with the Examiner's conclusions on patentability, without necessarily agreeing with or acquiescing in the Examiner's reasoning or comments. Applicants submit that the claims of the above-referenced application are allowable because the prior art fails to anticipate or render obvious the invention as claimed.

Respectfully submitted,

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